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SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF NEW KABATAANG BARANGAY CONSTITUTION

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1. MARCOS REGIME'S NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION, THE KABATAANG BARANGAY (KB), ANNOUNCED JULY 23 RATIFICATION OF NEW CONSTITUTION. THE PRESS REPORTED 142 LOCAL KB FEDERATIONS ADOPTED THE 22-PAGE DOCUMENT IN SEPARATE RESOLUTIONS AFTER 40 DAYS OF DISCUSSION (PULONG-PULONG). THE CHARTER, WHICH REPLACES ORIGINAL 1975 KB CONSTITUTION, REPORTEDLY WAS PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT MARCOS JULY 25 FOR APPROVAL.

2. THE NEW CONSTITUTION WAS DRAFTED IN CONVENTION LAST FEBRUARY BY KB FEDERATION AND PASSED BY FEDERATION PRESIDENTS IN MAY. A PLEBISITE TO RATIFY IT HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 12. KB LEADERSHIP, PARTICULARLY IMEE MARCOS, EXPENDED MUCH EFFORT IN GENERATING INTEREST, BUT PLEBISITE CANCELLED AT LAST MINUTE ON PRETEXT THAT INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES WOULD INTERFERE.

3. THE NEW CHARTER DIFFERS LITTLE FROM OLD CONSTITUTION. THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IS INCLUSION OF A PROVISION
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PASSED EARLIER THIS YEAR TO RAISE THE AGE LIMIT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN KB FROM 18 TO 21.

4. COMMENT: KB PROBABLY BACKED OFF FROM THE PLEBISITE OUT OF FEAR THAT YOUTH INDIFFERENCE WOULD PROVE EMBARRASSING. THE NEW SOCIETY METHOD OF PULONG-PULONG, WHICH IN THEORY MEANS ARRIVING AT CONSENSUS THROUGH OPEN DISCUSSION AT THE

LOCAL LEVEL, IN PRACTICE USUALLY IS A EUPHEMISM FOR
IMPOSITION FROM ABOVE. RAISING KB AGE LIMIT TO 21
EFFECTIVELY HEADS OFF ATTEMPTS BY THE STILL EMBRYONIC
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT (DYSO) TO
SET UP A RIVAL YOUTH PROGRAM (SEE REPAIR). DURING PAST
YEAR DYSD HAS PREPARED TWO DRAFT DECREES ESTABLISHING A
"NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE PROGRAM," BUT BOTH HAVE BEEN SHEL-
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